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SUBJECT: ROC ANNOUNCES BREAK OF RELATIONS WITH JORDAN

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1. IN A BRIEF STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON APRIL 14, 1977 THE ROC SUSPENDED ITS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH JORDAN. THE STATEMENT SAID QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND, AS OF APRIL 19, 1977 ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN UNQUOTE.

2. IN A RELATED ITEM ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS APRIL 15 ADDED FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

BEGIN QUOTE:

H. K. SHAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE, PREDICTED TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND AMMAN WILL CONTINUE DESPITE THE BREAKUP OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. TWO-WAY TRADE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN 1976 EXCEEDED

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US\$17 MILLION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ENJOYING A SURPLUS OF OVER US\$2 MILLION.

CURRENTLY AN AGRICULTURAL TEAM AND A ROAD-BUILDING GROUP FROM THIS COUNTRY ARE WORKING IN JORDAN.

THE CNA DISPATCH FROM AMMAN YESTERDAY ALSO REPORTED THAT CHINESE AMBASSADOR CHEN I-FAN HAD LODGED A STRONG PROTEST TO THE JORDANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR

ITS RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA.
AMBASSADOR CHEN AT THE SAME TIME ASKED THE JORDANIAN
GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT OVERSEAS CHINESE AND CHINESE
STUDENTS NOW RESIDING IN JORDAN FROM POSSIBLE
COMMUNIST THREATS IN THE FUTURE.

END QUOTE.
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